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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7564

BILL NUMBER: SB 585

DATE PREPARED: Apr 11, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Apr 11, 2001

SUBJECT: Athletic Trainer Licensure.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill eliminates a requirement that the qualifying examination for licensing of athletic trainers be offered two times per calendar year. It authorizes the Indiana Athletic Trainers Board to issue a temporary license to practice as an athletic trainer under certain circumstances. The bill also provides that a temporary license may be in effect for not more than 90 days. It also authorizes the Athletic Trainers Board, under certain circumstances, to issue a temporary permit authorizing a person to practice as an athletic trainer under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer. The bill provides that a temporary permit expires when the permit holder is issued a permanent license to practice as an athletic trainer, when the Board disapproves the permit holder's license application, or 90 days after issuance, whichever is earliest. This bill requires the Athletic Trainers Board to issue an initial athletic trainer license to an individual who has been actively engaged as an athletic trainer for at least a certain period, who submits an application and pays the necessary fees, and who has attained certain educational qualifications or has been certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, Inc.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill provides for the issuing of temporary licenses to athletic trainer applicants. As amended, the bill places the valid time period of the temporary license at ninety (90) days.

The bill would also allow athletic trainers seeking certification before June 30, 2002, to receive a license if they meet the following requirements:

- 1) actively engaged as an athletic trainer for at least twelve months between July 1, 1996, and June 30, 2001;
- 2) submit an application to the Athletic Trainer Certification Board on forms prescribed by the Board;

3) pay the application and license fees defined by the Board and either satisfactorily complete the educational qualifications or be certified by the NATA.

As amended, the bill allows the Board to issue a temporary permit to practice as an athletic trainer if a person pays a fee and:

- 1) is validly licensed or certified to practice in another state and the person has applied to the Board for a license; or
- 2) is practicing in a state that does not license or certify athletic trainers, but the person is certified by a national athletic training association approved by the Board and the person has applied to the Board for a license

In order to implement the provisions of temporary licensing and to allow certain applicants as specified by the bill to be licensed before all qualifications are met, the Bureau reports the following expenditures would be required:

Expenditure	Amount
Per Diem	\$750
Travel	\$1,914
Postage	\$1,052
Printing/Copying	\$1,038
Telephone	\$640
Supplies	\$1,000
Total	\$6,394

Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) Issuing temporary licenses and permits along with licensing certain applicants as specified by the bill before all qualifications are met, may lead to an increase in revenue.

Currently, the certification fee for athletic trainers is \$25 for application and issuance. In FY 2000, the Board collected \$3,083 in fees. The Health Professions Bureau reports that, as of the most recent renewal period, there are 485 active licenses. Of the active licenses, 124 were issued in 2000 and 86 were issued in 1999.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau; Athletic Trainer Certification Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Barb McNutt, Staff Counsel, Health Professions Bureau, (317) 233-4406; Office of the Auditor of State.